

BOOK REVIEWS

GYNECOLOGIC CYTOPATHOLOGY. By Marie L. Schneider and H-J, Staemmler. Pp. xii+187; figs 154; tables 6. £24.50). Eastbourne: Holt-Saunders, 1978.

THIS is an English edition of an atlas first published in Germany and the very readable style of the text is a tribute to both the translator and the authors. The book deals with the diagnosis of the important lesions in gynaecological cytology and with the cellular changes which give rise to diagnostic confusion. Following a chapter on basic cytology there are others dealing with inflammatory and reparative changes in the cervix, as well as dysplasias and malignant lesions. The cytology of endometrial lesions is also covered and there is a section on the rarer gynaecological malignancies.

Each chapter begins with a concise account of the salient cytological features with emphasis on differential diagnosis. This is followed by a series of photomicrographs each of which is accompanied by a schematic drawing which emphasises its main features and also by a legend on the facing page. In all, there are 154 photomicrographs which are generally of a high quality and of good size.

This atlas can be strongly recommended for trainees in Cytopathology. It is concise and clear in its presentation and when used in association with a general text-book it should be readily understood by a beginner in the subject. The only drawback of the book is its price which reflects the high cost of colour reproduction. This is likely to restrict its use to departmental libraries where it should prove a real asset.

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REGIONAL ANATOMY – MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS FOR SELF-ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT. By T. R. Murphy. (Pp. 158. £3.50). London: Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Ltd., 1978.

THIS useful book has multiple choice questions on the topographical anatomy of the head and neck and the abdomen (each with 80 questions). Five questions with 5 parts each are written on a left hand page and there is a response grid for convenient marking on the corresponding right hand page. A good 2nd M.B. or Primary F.R.C.S. standard is required to answer correctly.

Training in the technique is essential for success in multiple choice examinations. Complete understanding of the question and concentration are necessary requirements as well as a sound knowledge of the subject. This book provides this training and is highly recommended as especially suitable for those doctors about to take the Primary F.R.C.S. examination. Short sections of questions on neuroanatomy and clinical embryology would enhance the book's usefulness.

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A SHORT TEXTBOOK OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY. By D. C. Turk and I. A. Porter. Fourth Edition. (Paper £3.45, board £6.45). London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1978.

THIS edition is an improvement on its predecessors which have obviously survived in the popularity table of small texts on microbiology. However, the improved type face has not been accompanied by elimination of irritating typographical errors; proof-reading has been